

In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [00134] with the following amended paragraph:

[00134] 3 groups of Balb/c mice were injected with 3 different MAP (octa-branched) conjugated peptides: ISEVKMDA (residues 1-8 of SEQ ID NO:1, where residue 6 is Met), VKMDAEFRH (SEQ ID NO:5) and ISEVKLDA (residues 1-8 of SEQ ID NO:1, where residue 6 is Leu). The stock solution (2 mg/ml) was prepared as follows: 1000 µl of double distilled water (DDW), 665 µl of Freund's adjuvant (Complete Freund's adjuvant on first injection and Incomplete Freund's adjuvant on subsequent injections) and 335 µl of peptide stock solution. 300 µl of the vaccination solution (immunizing composition) was injected into each mouse every two weeks after initial injection. The highest immune response raised against MAP-ISEVKLDA (residues 1-8 of SEQ ID NO:1, where residue 6 is Leu) is shown in Fig. 3.